### Five Ash Down Chapel



# Mothering Sunday Service 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3pm followed by refreshments

Good Friday Service 22<sup>nd</sup> April 11 am

Easter Sunday Service 24<sup>th</sup> April 11am



#### New life...

**Spring!** New life everywhere... birds that are really singing... warmer days ahead. I love it! Flowers springing up after the cold winter - what a lovely illustration of how, for the Christian, life follows death.



Recently I attended a Thanksgiving Service for a friend. A sad yet joyful occasion. Sad? It had to be... Roger's smiling face and infectious laughter will be greatly missed.



But there was also a sense of happy realisation that this was not the end. Referring to believers who die the Apostle Paul wrote: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

My friend had not slipped into non-existence! He was - and is - alive! The confident anticipation of a glad reunion helped us to see things in their true perspective.

We sang some words explaining Roger's certainty that he was accepted by God and why he did not fear the coming judgment.

Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

This is the astonishing Good News revealed in the Bible.

Jesus Christ, (God's Son), came into the world to save sinners... He did this by suffering the punishment due to sinners when He died on the cross. By the miracle of raising the Lord Jesus from the dead on that first Resurrection Sunday God made it plain that He had accepted the death of His Son on our behalf.



As new life is seen in the colourful spring flowers, so every true believer who dies will enjoy new - eternal - life after death.

Please join us whenever you can and especially on Easter Sunday! We'd love to see you!

Sincerely,

George Rabey
Pastor

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## Five Ash Down Chapel Services

Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
(3.00 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> April)

Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group
(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study